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Ho-Chunk Nation Police Force established, names Dan Libke as Chief of Police.



Speak up!

General Council 2010



Tracy Pecore
Newsletter Editor

On September 18, the Annual General Council meeting was held at the Ho-Chunk Casino Convention Center with 1,901 registered voters. In order to make quorum, 1,032 tribal members needed to be present. This year, marks the first meeting to be completely planned, prepared and run by a branch of General Council called General Council Agency.

Starting as early as seven in the morning, transportation was available with pick-up routes in Wittenberg, Black River Falls, Tomah, Wisconsin Dells, Madison, Milwaukee, Chicago, and Minneapolis.

As the upper and lower ballrooms began to fill, many conversations took place among tribal members from young to old. Discussions covered a number of topics from wondering how long the meeting would last, who was going to get ousted, to "how long is this guy going to talk", to laughing about something that happened at last year's General Council meeting. Not only a place to try and make improvements on

behalf of the Ho-Chunk people, General Council is also another gathering place to socialize and meet up with friends and relatives.

Gerald Cleveland Sr. received the honor to chair this year's General Council, he then appointed Iris Cleveland as the Recording Secretary. Maynard Rave Jr., a member of the Bear Clan was appointed as Sergeant at Arms. Although time is most people's worst enemy, Cleveland listened to what others had to say, told a couple jokes, and made sure there was no "dead air" with the help from Ho-Chunk drum groups Bearheart and Thunderbear singers for singing during the down time. Prior to voting, Cleveland also explained how to vote and in other words said YES meant you agreed to the resolution, NO meant you didn't agree, and ABSTAIN meant you really don't care.

Throughout the day, many older tribal members referred to the original Winnebago Business Committee



Ho-Chunk Nation lawyer, Michelle Greendeer stresses, "You need to do your research prior to submitting a resolution."

from 1963 and how General Council first began. There were a lot of good memories shared but also some sadness and some comments about being disgusted about various things.

Many Ho-Chunk tribal members remember the days when our elders used to send prayers of respect and thankfulness to the creator, showing appreciation for things most of us today take for

granted. I've been told that our elders wept as they would pray that all tribal members be spared the lives that they had to undergo growing up. There was never any doubt that our elders were devoted to the well being of our Nation. They knew the importance of tradition and the sharing of knowledge and togetherness.

Members of the Youth General Council witnessed the day's event and Sierra

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Jeff Harrison solutes, as Members of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 retreat the colors and exit the ballroom as the 2010 General Council meeting is adjourned.

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To the Editor,

I was one of the many Ho-Chunk members in attendance at the 2010 General Council and I was looking forward to spending a day with relatives and conducting meaningful business on behalf of the Nation. Having said that, I must say that I was discouraged by what actually transpired. The intentions of the meeting were good, but the meeting itself was, in short, a disappointment.

First, the recurring issue of the day was the General Council Agency (GCA) and its role in our government. Time and again the GCA issues were misrepresented by some outspoken and under-informed Ho-Chunk members while the representatives of the Agency itself seemed unable to accurately express their own intentions. As I mentioned during the floor discussion, some of the GCA issues should have been proposed as individual members of the Ho-Chunk Nation instead of as an Agency. That

was an unfortunate faux pas on the part of the GCA and I hope it isn't a mistake they make again in the future. We wasted a lot of time accusing the GCA of a coup d'état when that wasn't their intention in the first place.

Second, the removal of President Wilfrid Cleveland was poorly handled. All of the arguments (both pro and con) were based entirely upon circumstantial evidence or personal opinion. There were a number of charges listed, but the only one that was actually discussed was whether or not the President is a felon. After the argument became repetitive, people got up and began discussing President Cleveland's character instead of his actions. Forgive me, but I don't think anyone should question another person's character or integrity unless they're willing to have the same scrutiny placed upon him or herself. Holding an elected office should not turn an individual into a piñata.

Ultimately, we decided not to vote out the President (I voted to keep him in office), but I think that had more to do with the frustrations associated with the integrity of the discussion as opposed to a real examination of his record. Further, I do not think it's appropriate to put a person's criminal record on a screen for all to see. Even though it's a matter of public record, it is an unnecessary and indecent act against President Cleveland's personal privacy to have broadcast his record that way.

Third, we need to select stronger leadership for the meeting. The chairperson was not well-versed in parliamentary procedure and let too many Ho-Chunks wax about topics that had nothing to do with the topic. I would have appreciated more comments along the lines of "please stay on topic" or "that point has already been made" throughout the proceedings instead of an off color remark about "half

breeds." Perhaps the General Council should, at the very least, appoint a parliamentarian or two to assist the chairperson in those situations.

Fourth, many Ho-Chunks angrily broadcast to the entire assembly that they were "never told" about one thing or another. Since when is information not a personal responsibility? It's 2010 and I think we should be beyond blaming others for our own lack of information. The internet is easily accessible in homes or at public libraries – there's no reason to get up in front of nearly 2,000 and get mad at others for not spoon feeding you the facts.

Finally, the biggest concern of the day had to be the early adjournment. If you cannot stay for an entire day's worth of business, either excuse yourself early or stay at home. There were important items on the agenda that had yet to be discussed (i.e. Veteran's home) when the motion was made and seconded. The

chairperson quickly (far too quickly) closed discussion and it was put to a vote. Naturally, people were tired and wanted to go home, but we still had much to accomplish.

In conclusion, I was very discouraged by what I saw at General Council. The message we sent to our young people was essentially that we will attack our elected officials and that it's okay to quit what you start so long as you get paid. We have made a lot of good progress in a short time; we have health care centers, scholarships, home ownership programs, elder care, etc. However, until we abandon the personal vendettas, stigmas attached to being well-educated and genuinely look after one another, we aren't going to get very far at all.

Sincerely,

Marcus F. Lewis

Borrowers beware

Submitted by
Lee Whitegull

I am a tribal member and want to inform other tribal members as well as non-tribal members of the types of practice that Ho-Cak Federal has in place, now known as Citizen's Community Federal; which is not ethical to say the least. One practice is that of "double dipping." It has been my personal experience in the past that they have withheld monies from tribal member's per capita payments for loan payments even when they are receiving insurance payments. This happened to me, my mother-in-law and my sister and I am sure that it has happened to other tribal members as well.

My "double dipping" situation was when my wife was out on short-term disability and paperwork was filed for the insurance payments to kick in while she was off from work. The insurance company made the payment to Ho-Cak Federal each month and in addition money was withheld from my per capita payments during that same time. After discovering the double payments I questioned the staff at Ho-Cak and they stated that it wasn't a bad thing because the loan would be paid off sooner that way if in fact it was accurate information. I told them I opposed to this practice where insurance money had been paid to the credit union for my loan and that I wanted the additional monies returned to me. They told me that they would need to do some checking to see if

it was accurate, which of course it was. In the end they did return the monies that were withheld from my per capita payments to me but this practice is highly unethical in the banking industry.

I was glad that close attention was paid and follow-up was performed on my end pertaining to the dates and amounts of insurance payments to the credit union. If not, they would have gotten double payments for the same loan. My mother-in-law and sister experienced the same type of situation and I am not sure how or if theirs was resolved.

A practice that is also common at Ho-Cak is to put more than one vehicle on a car loan. This was done to me and when I had someone interested in purchasing one of the vehicles from me I could not sell them the vehicle because the credit union could not tell me what was still owed on that vehicle. This is not a good practice for a banking institution either since it holds the customer "hostage" for both vehicles until the entire loan is repaid. I have never had a banking institution put two vehicles on one loan and do not understand why or how the credit union can justify this practice.

One additional situation that I would like to make tribal members aware of is that of a lien being released for a vehicle that was returned to the credit union, but not released to the holder of the loan. Our vehicle was on its last leg and in dire need of repair. I asked

the credit union if a loan could be taken out to have the repairs made since it was over \$1,500 and was told no. I drove the vehicle for as long as was possible and then it just stopped running. It was returned to the credit union in December of 2009. When the per capita disbursements for February were sent out the monies for the loan on this vehicle had been taken out for the credit union.

I contacted the credit union to find out why monies had been withheld even though the vehicle had been returned to them. I was told that it was because paperwork had not been signed. I questioned this because when I turned in the keys no one stated that any paperwork had to be signed. I was told to go in and sign the paperwork and then once it was signed the vehicle would be sold at auction and the difference between the loan amount and what the vehicle was sold for would be the amount that was still owed on the loan. I was told they would contact me once it had been sold so that I would know what was still owed on the vehicle. I waited about a month and a half and received no correspondence from the credit union so my wife called them. She left a message for the individual that I had previously spoken with; she was on vacation so I did not expect a call for about a week.

Approximately a month went by and I still had not received a returned call. My wife then called again and spoke to the woman I had pre-

viously. My wife explained that we wanted to know what was still owed on the vehicle and what it was sold for. She informed my wife that the entire loan was still owed because the vehicle had been released to the company that was storing the vehicle. This was questioned and the answer was that it would have cost more for the credit union to get it out of storage than they would have gotten at auction so they just released the lien to the storage company. My wife questioned how the fees were our responsibility to pay since the credit union was responsible for leaving the vehicle in storage for so long, it should have been removed from storage in order to avoid the fees associated with storing it. My wife was told that it was our responsibility so we still owed the entire loan amount to the credit union. My wife was highly upset, as was I.

My wife contacted the Better Business Bureau and explained the situation to them. They were appalled at the situation but it was not something they could assist us in. My wife was given the number for the Consumer Protection Agency but could not get through so she contacted an attorney regarding the situation. The attorney also stated that he was not aware of how something like this could have happened. The credit union has called several times for me to come in and sign new paperwork for the original vehicle loan which was a secured debt, secured with the

vehicle. They now wanted me to sign for a loan that was now unsecured without any type of explanation or authorization from me. Ho-Cak Federal has withheld February, May and now August per capita payments for this loan even though they were in possession of the vehicle which was returned to them in December of 2009. We are currently working with our attorney in order to rectify this situation.

If anyone else is or has experienced difficulties with the credit union that you feel are unethical or unjust I would recommend contacting the attorney that we are currently working with from LakeLaw. This law firm works diligently to assist their customers in rectifying unethical or unfair treatment. His contact information is:

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Attorney Ryan Blay
6905 Green Bay Road,
Suite 101
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53142
Phone: 262.694.7300
I hope that this will keep any tribal member from encountering the issues that we have. These issues have made certain aspects of our lives very difficult but with the help of our attorney we are confident that they will be rectified. To All Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members and non-tribal members...Borrowers Please Beware!

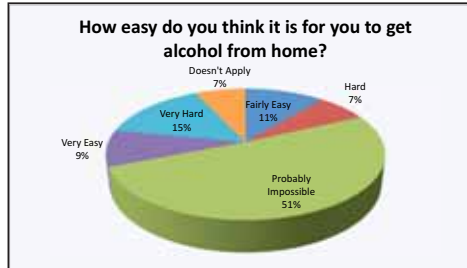
Underage Drinking...part 2

Submitted by
HCN Underage Drinking
Subcommittee

This is the second installment of a four part series of articles. The Underage Drinking Subcommittee wanted to

share the surprising findings of our Youth Alcohol Assessment Survey results with the community in hopes of increasing awareness and community involvement.

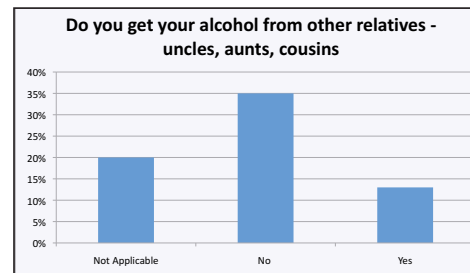
The survey question asked,



'How easy do you think it is for you to get alcohol from home.' This chart shows 51% of youth responses indicated probably impossible; however, 20% of youth said it would be very and fairly easy, which indicates concern of alcohol use in the home with children around. One fifth of adolescents have abused alcohol in their home or the home of a relative.

The next survey question asked, 'Do you get your alcohol from other relatives; uncles, aunts, cousins.' The response to this question is of high concern. Due to the fact that 13% of youth still get alcohol from others in the community, including their family members or extended relatives.

Positive behaviors for today's youth begin in the home and it is important for



the family members to be positive and open with their children. Prevention and Education are important for today's youth and parents as it will help them to understand the 'what' and 'whys' of underage drinking and how to become positive role models.

For more information on underage drinking prevention, contact the Ho-Chunk Nation

Behavioral Health Department at 715-284-9851, ext. 5014.

For more information regarding the underage drinking survey, find out more in the next installment. A full summary of the youth survey installment can be obtained from Katie Funmaker at 715-284-2622 or at katie.funmaker@ho-chunk.com.

Eat healthy: understanding legumes

Submitted by
Theresa Wimann, Adams
County UW-Extension

Legumes, also called dried beans and peas, are part of the Meat, Beans, Poultry, Fish, Nuts and Egg group on MyPyramid. They provide plant-based protein with a high level of fiber and no saturated fats. They contain no cholesterol and are a healthy substitute for meat. I also use them alongside a small piece of meat to complete the protein. This is called "complementing the amino acid balance" and provides all the building blocks for the proteins that are made each day in your body. When I eat beans with meat, I stay full longer.

Beans come in many varieties, sizes and shapes. Some of the most common are: adzuki, black, black-eyed peas, chick peas (also called garbanzo), edamame (green soybeans), lentils, lima, red kidney, navy, cannellini, and split peas. Beans come in dried and canned forms so they can be a quick addition to a meal, or be used in a stew that simmers all day. Beans contain lignans. Lignans are phytochemicals that can help reduce cholesterol and prevent heart disease. They are also implicated in breast cancer prevention.

One pound of dried beans makes 5-6 cups of cooked beans. The bag of beans can be cooked, cooled in cold water, drained and divided into desired serving sizes (1/2 cup = 1 serving) for freezing. When you need them, pull them out and add them to a

meal. Alternatively, you can purchase a can of beans that are precooked. The average can contains 1 1/2 cups. For a quick, healthy snack, try 1/2 cup of soy nuts.

Below is one of my favorite recipes that I serve alongside fish, chicken, pork and eggs.

Black Bean Side Dish

1 can of black beans, drained
1 small onion, chopped
4 cloves garlic, chopped
1 red or green pepper (I prefer red)
1 1/2 Tablespoons chili powder
1 Tablespoon plus 1/2 cup chicken or vegetable broth

In a medium skillet, place the chopped onion and garlic, pepper, and 1 Tablespoon broth. Turn the stove on medium and cover pan for about 5 minutes. This will tenderize the vegetables without adding fat. It is called a healthy sautee. When the vegetables are tender and the onion is translucent, add the black beans, 1/2 cup broth and 1 1/2 Tablespoons chili powder. Stir and simmer for 10 minutes.

Mayoclinic.com/health/legumes on August 13, 2010

Whfoods.com on August 13, 2010 (Clearwater, Florida): Recipe for Southwest Salmon with Black Beans

Tanumihardjo, Sherry PhD, University of Wisconsin-Extension (8/13/2010)

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls

Diabetes Learning Circle

October 2010

| Date | Topic |
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| October 7 | Carbohydrate Counting |
| October 21 | Immunizations- Staying Safe and Healthy |

The Diabetes Learning Circle is a morning presentation and breakfast designed to provide people with information regarding diabetes prevention and management. Anyone is welcome to attend but we ask that you register for a seat.

The program is from 8:30- 9:15 each scheduled day in the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Classroom. A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).

For more information or to register contact:
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Legislature votes to demolish Ho-Chunk Lodge

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

For years the Legislature has debated what to do with Ho-Chunk Lodge, a two building complex located on the shores of Lake Delton near Wisconsin Dells. After a summer spent in Executive Session considering whether to renovate the buildings or demolish them, the Legislature has decided to take a wrecking ball to the buildings purchased by the Nation in 1994.

Purchased primarily to give tribal members a place to stay when attending pow-wows or other events in the area, the structures fell into disrepair and in 2007 the Legislature began considering tearing down the buildings. No action was taken and in fact earlier this year the Legislature

was considering converting the lodge into a hostel capable of serving as a lodging alternative for the many workers who flood the area from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends. A conversion would have required the approval of the Lake Delton Zoning Commission.

Located in an area where parking is at a premium (the site has only 14 parking stalls), arrangements were being made to have guests leave their vehicles at Ho-Chunk Convention Center. A shuttle bus would provide transportation to work and back or to the Convention Center parking lot. During negotiations with the Lake Delton Village Board it was noted that previous work done to widen the road took away some of the parking spaces



Ho-Chunk Lodge view showing previous work done to widen the road which took away some of the parking space.



What use to be a nice facility but will be demolished in the near future.

and the Nation's effort to obtain additional parking spaces were unsuccessful. In addition, recent surveys taken indicated the pool area actually encroached on neighboring properties. Correcting that would have added significant costs to the renovation process.

Though members of the Lake Delton Village Board were not opposed to the parking/shuttle plan, owners of the smaller hotels in the area voiced concerns that the hotel would put some of the smaller lodging establish-

ments out of business.

Renovations to the lodge were estimated to cost about \$1.5 million, a cost that in the end probably influenced the legislators to favor tearing down the structures.

When contacted by telephone, Jess Eastman, Associate Zoning Administrator for the Village of Lake Delton, confirmed the Nation's plans to demolish the buildings.

According to Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney Sheila Corbin, the Legislature has selected a demolition company to tear down the build-

ings and expects workers to complete the razing of the lodge by the end of October. She added that razing the building will correct the encroachments noted by recent surveys.

After the demolition and subsequent landscaping of the site, the Legislature will begin exploring what to do with the property. Current options include dividing the site into individual lots that could be sold separately, selling the lot as one parcel or keeping the lot for possible future development.

New road fronts Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa

The Nation and Wood County partner on a "safety driven project"

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Using \$3.5 million in federal stimulus funding, the Ho-Chunk Nation and Wood County have partnered to make improvements on County Highway G that will benefit visitors to Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa and residents of the Chakh ha Chee community near Nekoosa.

Started in early August, the improvements include repaving and in some places widening the highway in a six mile stretch between State Highway 173, 3.8 miles north

of the casino and the Wood County line. Included in the project is the reconstruction of the highway directly in front of the casino, specifically the approximately 2,100 foot stretch between Winneshiek Lane and Creamery Road.

Jon Schrader, Transportation Planner for the Nation's BIA Roads Division, stated that because of numerous safety concerns regarding vehicles entering the highway from Winneshiek Lane, the casino entrance and Creamery Road, discussions for improv-

ing the highway began August 2009. Data from 2007 indicated that approximately 3,900 vehicles traveled the road daily. Although about 70 percent of the traffic was likely tied to the casino, Schrader emphasized that BIA Indian Reservation Road's money is not being used for the project which is being managed by Jewell Engineering-Wisconsin Rapids, Wood County and Ho-Chunk Nation BIA Roads personnel. The widening and resurfacing is a safety driven project, he said. He added that in another safety related issue, LED high efficiency lights will be replacing the old lights at Winneshiek Lane and in the casino parking area.

The Nation owns the property across the street from the casino and since the project began on August 9, workers have moved dirt that nearly doubled the width of the existing highway. Ho-Chunk BIA Roads Project Manager, Ron Poppie stated the reconstructed highway will be



The Ho-Chunk Nation helped fund improvements to County Highway G that provides access to Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa.



An artist's rendition of the Highway G project. NOTE: The pedestrian crosswalks have been taken out of the plan

about 50 feet wider in front of the casino and will include a median strip dividing south and north bound traffic. The road is designed to provide safer entrance onto County Road G from Winneshiek Lane, the casino entrance and Creamery Road. A left hand

turn lane will also provide a safer access to those traveling east on Creamery Road.

Paving on the entire six mile stretch is expected to be completed by October 29. Schrader said that the entire project should be complete by November 15.

Remembering those that lost their lives on September 11, 2001

Tracy Pecore
Newsletter Editor

Nine years ago, individuals went about their daily routine of waking up, showering, eating breakfast, kissing and hugging their kids, saying the words "I love you" and sending them on their way. Then they were off to work themselves or whatever it was they did throughout the day. What they didn't know was that it was a day many would remember for the rest of their lives, knowing that so many men, women, and children were affected by the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, now known as 9/11.

For many, near and far, who witnessed the 9/11 attacks, they are still left with vivid memories, silence, and confusion. On that historic day, eyes were glued to televisions as news spread around the world showing the World Trade Center covered in a thick black smoke and people too that were covered in a charcoal colored dust. What happened? A plane crashed into one of the Twin Towers and then another plane into the second tower propelling flames and debris. The third hit the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed after passengers rushed the cockpit.

"We will commemorate not only the heartbreak of September 11th, but also the enduring values and resilient spirit of America. Both Michelle and I will be joining our fellow citizens in remembering those who were lost on that day and honoring all who exhibited such extraordinary heroism in the midst of tragedy. ...for now let me just note that September 11th is a National Day of Service and Remembrance and I hope each of us finds a way to

serve our fellow citizens — not only to reaffirm our deepest values as Americans, but to rekindle that spirit of unity and common purpose that we felt in the days that followed that September morning." — Press Conference by President Barack Obama on September 10, 2010.

On Saturday, September 11, 2010, the Wisconsin Dells singers paid tribute to the people who died, their survivors, and the men and women who served that day. The tribute took place at the annual Milwaukee Indian Summer Festival. Earlier this year, Elliott Funmaker Sr. (WI Dells Lead singer) was approached by Mark Denning (Oneida) who participated with the Milwaukee Powwow Committee, and was asked if a song could be composed honoring those that lost their lives, the policemen, firemen, medics, and all those that were involved with the 9/11 attacks. Denning said that "because the Ho-Chunk people are from this area," he felt it would only be appropriate to have a song composed by the Ho-Chunk people.

Funmaker was honored to be asked to compose such a heart-felt song and began asking fluent Ho-Chunk speakers



Ho-Chunk elder, Alvin Cloud offers a few words and explains the meaning behind the 9/11 song.



Remembering those that lost their lives on September 11, 2001 by singing the 9/11 song.



Veterans from all branches of service, troops, policeman, medics and color guards from the 11 tribes in Wisconsin enter the Milwaukee powwow grounds and stand at attention.

about different words. After speaking to Allen Cloud and Andy Thundercloud, they suggested he speak to Ho-Chunk elder, Alvin Cloud about different Ho-Chunk words and meanings.

Funmaker did exactly what was suggested and offered Alvin tobacco to pay his respect. Beginning in May Cloud and Funmaker began discussing what the best Ho-Chunk words should be to best illustrate the 9/11 attacks.

Initially, Alvin came up with what he thought would work and after explaining what the Ho-Chunk words meant, he gave permission to Elliott to fine tune the tone and melody that would best fit to get "that right swing to it." Alvin also spoke with Preston Thompson, Jr about the words in the song and he suggested in the old language, "our land" which is in the first part of the song:

The first part of the song refers to and says:

THEY (terrorists from the Middle East) came from across the great waters to our land (United States).

They did something they weren't supposed to do.

The second part goes into more detail and says:

In the East, where the sun comes up... Airplanes destroyed the high house (The Twin Towers of New York City).

"When you have the right tone and know when to raise it, you will feel those words that song is saying. It can be a pretty song, but it's going to be how you are going to use it to get those words to work," Cloud said.

Once the 9/11 song was finalized, the Wisconsin Dells singers sang it through a couple times and were ready for its debut, which they sang for the first time during the Milwaukee Indian Summer Veteran's Parade held on September 11th at the Milwaukee Summerfest grounds.

The Wisconsin Dells singers entered the parade in a red pick-up truck in the 29th place in front of the first responders group. There were also military vehicles, veterans from all branches of service, troops and bands, and color guards from the 11 tribes in Wisconsin that made their way through the crowd. PINAGIGI to Bill Goodbear, member of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129, for bringing in the Eagle Staff on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Later in the evening, a special took place during the powwow where the 9/11 song was sung again and then Alvin explained the meaning behind it to everyone present and emphasized that we are to remember and not forget those that suffered or are still suffering from the 9/11 attacks that took place nine years ago. A lot of good words were said

and expressed that evening.

Many people surrounded the drum as the song was rendered and provided a sense of unity. Thank you to the composers of the song and to the

Wisconsin Dells singers for a memorable and historic event. Also thanks to the Milwaukee Indian Summerfest for allowing it to take place appropriately on 9/11.



Wisconsin Dells Singers sing the 9/11 song composed by Alvin Cloud, through the Veteran's parade.



Wisconsin Dells Singers (L-R) Kerry Funmaker, Lorinda Funmaker, Allen Cloud, Elliott Funmaker Sr., Heath Littlejohn, Forrest Funmaker, Lance Blackdeer, Roz Falcon, Mary Bigjohn, Eli Smith, and Averie Tom.



Heather Cloud (Navy) and Paul Cloud (Army and Vietnam Veteran) proudly represent the Ho-Chunk Nation as Head Dancers and join in for moment of silence.



Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 member, Bill Goodbear, carrying in the Eagle Staff through the Veteran's Parade on Saturday afternoon at the Milwaukee Indian Summerfest grounds.

Out of this world!

Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells celebrates Wo-Zwa-Wa Days

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Every year the Wo-Zha-Wa Days Festival signals the end of the summer season in Wisconsin Dells. The week-end features family fun activities, flea markets, arts and crafts, live entertainment and a parade to top it all off.



Getting ready for take-off. "10...9...8...7..."

For years, Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells has contributed to the celebration and this year was no exception. To promote Galaxie Bingo, held every Friday night from 11:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m. and the new branding concept of Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin, Marketing Department employees Juanita (Missy) Tracy and Patti Herrera came up with a picture of a spaceship as an idea for this year's float that was featured in the parade held September 19.

They presented the picture to fellow employees Jim Delarosa and Glen Witt, who without any plans or blueprints replicated the spaceship that will be featured on the Nation's float for the Wo-Zha-Wa Days Parade. Jim, who owns Red Arrow Construction, did the carpentry work and Glen did the metal work. The end result was an eight feet wide by six feet high spaceship resting on a two feet high metal stand. Jim said that a total of about



Contributors to the Galaxie creation prior to the parade: (L-R) Levi Wilson, Glen Witt, Dan Platt, Missy Tracy, Jim Delarosa, Patti Herrera, Evan Logan and Nora Young. Not pictured is Heath Littlejohn.



Guests from outer space outside the Galaxie on parade day.

60 man hours was put into the project that features window frames made with old slot machines tops, mylar/foil lined inner walls, multiple colored lights and a fog machine for special effects.

On parade day, employees dressed as Martians and other space creatures and surrounded the spaceship named the Galaxie on its journey through the streets of Wisconsin Dells. The float made reference to the Nation's five other gaming properties while dubbing the Wisconsin Dells location the "Mothership" of all six locations.

Missy, who serves as Public Relations Senior Manager at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells, said that although the float was created specifically for the parade, the creativity and

craftsmanship makes the Galaxie worth preserving. Bingo Hall Manager Joyce Warner plans on using Galaxie to promote special bingo events. Missy and Patti both noted that while they came up with the idea, the real credit should go to the all the people involved with the project. Both agreed the float is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when people work together. Besides Jim and Glen other major contributors to the project included: Graphic Artist Nora Young, Heath Littlejohn (lighting and mylar/foil), Evan Logan (painting), Dan Platt (window frames) and Levi Wilson. Also contributing on parade day was Allison Horn, Senior Entertainment manager.

Nation donates to Wittenberg Ambulance Department

Submitted by Myra Westphal
Senior Manager Public Relations
Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg

At a presentation held on September 15 at the Wittenberg Ambulance Department, Wittenberg officials received a \$6,573 donation from Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg to purchase essential equipment.



Members of the Wittenberg Ambulance look over some of the equipment purchased with the help of a grant from Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg. (L-R): EMT IV Tech Amy Martin, Ambulance Services Director David Yaeger and EMT IV Tech Laurie Ziel.

The Department used the grant money to purchase nine pieces of equipment. The equipment will be split between two ambulances that make nearly 400 calls annually in the Wittenberg area.

Among the items purchased was a Stryker Stair-Pro Chair that will enable emergency staff to remove patients from multi-level facilities. This will significantly lower the risk of operator back injury, said Director of Wittenberg Ambulance Services, David Yaeger.

"Many people will benefit from the equipment purchased with the grant," Yaeger said. "The Stair Chair will assist in moving people in need down from an upstairs bedroom or apartment more quickly and easily. When minutes matter, this piece of equipment could make the difference life and death."

Other purchases included IV Warmers that will replace the heating pads currently being used, ProPak Oxygen Trauma Bags that will carry all essential equipment needed when responding to an emergency, two Trimline Echo Amplified Digital Stethoscopes and two backboard devices that will



Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg Senior Public Relations Manager Myra Westphal (left); Wittenberg Ambulance EMT Tech Amy Martin; Wittenberg Ambulance Board Trustee Dean Anderson, Ambulance Driver Richard Olson, Wittenberg Ambulance Services Director David Yaeger and Wittenberg Ambulance EMT IV Tech Laurie Ziel during the check presentation held September 15.

eliminate unnecessary movement when moving patients with suspected neck, hip, pelvic or spinal injuries.

"The Wittenberg Ambulance would like to thank Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg for their generous donation,"

Yaeger said. "The equipment purchased will help keep our community safe and help with the care that we as EMT's provide."

General Council 2010

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The Ho-Chunk Casino Convention Center Lower Ballroom is packed for the 2010 Annual General Council meeting.

Neperud said, "General Council was a great learning experience to a point. David Greendeer put things into perspective when he told us some things were unconstitutional. An Advisor suggested we may need to get a lawyer to assist us. I thought the sitting around part and listening was the boring part of the day. Even though we had a book with all the resolutions, I found it difficult to keep up with what was going on."

Danee Walker, another member of the Youth General Council, commented that she liked how if someone wanted to talk they were allowed to be heard for a certain amount of time. On a negative aspect and coming from a youth, she heard an individual comment that they were only there for the money. She said, "I can use what I learned, by being more organized in meetings."

One of the challenges we face is figuring out how we can teach the same sense of culture, responsibility and dedication to the tribal members of today, not only the youth but everyone, as was instilled in our elders past. Are we becoming a Nation that has become satisfied with today's world and lack a sense of urgency when it comes to keeping our culture going strong? Have we forgot what true struggles are and how overcoming hard times strengthens us as a family and community? I once heard that



Ho-Chunk tribal members speak up and patiently wait their turn.

language preservation and teaching our culture to the youth were important but have we become too focused on stature, income and material possessions that we are committing cultural suicide?

We must do our part to keep the interests of the Ho-Chunk Nation functioning productively so they can provide comfortable futures for all of our families, not a select few. None of us should see ourselves as too good to pick up a mop or scrub brush, however; we should all have the opportunity to excel above these positions.

Many tribal members still took the time out of their day to attend this year's General Council and many opinions were voiced. Ho-Chunk Nation lawyer, Michelle Greendeer stressed, "You need to do

your research prior to submitting a resolution."

Some may question the one hundred dollar payment that tribal members receive for attending General Council. There were 33 resolutions submitted with only 19 resolutions making it to the agenda. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm after only going through nine of the nineteen, leaving 10 other resolutions unresolved.

To some, this year's General Council did not accomplish a whole lot, but regardless to how much money was spent for General Council, the money would have been spent either way. To others, they may have left with a better feeling knowing something had been accomplished especially for how much money was put into the planning and organizing the annual General Council meeting. Although there was an agenda it was hard to follow with many interruptions. There was a time limit but ignored in the beginning which lead to some confusion.

If the phrase "History repeats itself" holds true, then if we do not act now, our grandchildren are going to be sitting in the same place our elders did all those years ago.



2010 General Council Chair, Gerald Cleveland Sr., patiently waits as the timer counts down to post results of tribal member votes.

2010 Resolutions

Constitutional Change Resolutions Referred to Constitutional Reform Task Force sponsored by Rita Cleveland - **PASSED**

Eagle Feather & Religious laws sponsored by Lot Smith - **DEFEATED**

GCA BIA Stay and Repeal Secretarial Election Requirement sponsored by Marvin Decorah Sr.- **DEFEATED**

GCA Bylaws sponsored by Rosetta Hunt - **DEFEATED**

GC Request to Amend Constitution removing the Delegation of Authority from GC to Legislature and Reassuming All Legislative Power and Duties sponsored by Forrest Funmaker - **DEFEATED**

Submission Schedule and Procedures sponsored by Matt Mullen - **DEFEATED**

Code of Ethics sponsored by Mike Salaway - **DEFEATED**

GC Budget sponsored by Pine Giroux - **DEFEATED**

Removal of President Cleveland sponsored by Lawrence Littlegeorge Jr. - **DEFEATED**

No action taken due to meeting adjournment at 6:30 pm:

Removal of Donnie Troy Schaitel

Higher Education Policy

Memorandum of Agreement

GC Request to Amend the Heritage Preservation Act to Protect the Intellectual Property of the Nation and Require the Consent of General Council Before Releasing Information

GCA Freedom of Information to Provide Information

Remove Jenna Littlegeorge

Hocak Wazijaci Nation Veterans Home Ownership Program Resolution

Hocak Wazikaci Nation Home Ownership Land Acquisition Program Resolution

GCA Administrative Agency

Children Trust Fund

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING –
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
AUGUST 17, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 10:11 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland (P)
Vice President Daniel Brown (EX)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (P)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone (P)
Rep. Robert Decorah (P)
Rep. James Greendeer (P)
Rep. John Holst (P)
Rep. Hope Smith (P)
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (EX)
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit (EX)

Rep. Patrick Redeagle (P)
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)

DETERMINATION OF

QUORUM: Quorum was established.

OPENING PRAYER: Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the agenda with the additions of New Business item 9. Shakopee round table discussion and item 10. Resolution for Tribal Grant Application US Fish and Wildlife Service. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Legislative Meeting ~ August 3, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to approve the August 3, 2010 Legislative Meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 8-0-2(**Reps. Holst & Walker, Jr.**) **Motion Carried.**

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee

Meeting ~ August 5, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the August 5, 2010 Administration Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wosga Leave Policy

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to table the Wosga Leave Policy. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

UNITY Report

Ho-Chunk Youth attended the 2010 UNITY conference in San Diego, CA. The youth were thankful to the Legislature for funding their trip and each learned from the conference with the theme being empowering our minds, embracing our traditions, living our legacy.

Rep. Decorah leaves the room at 11:08 a.m.

District 3 Concern/Gerald Cleveland, Sr.

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to table the District 3 concern/Gerald Cleveland Sr. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0. **Motion Carried. (Rep. Decorah was out of the room).**

Rep. Walker, Jr. leaves the room at 11:15 a.m.

Adoption of Resolution 08-17-10A Application for Grant Assistance from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to adopt **Resolution 08-17-10A Application for Grant Assistance from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.** Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 6-0-2(**Reps. Two Bears & Smith**) (**Reps. Decorah & Walker, Jr. were out of the room.**)

Rep. Walker, Jr. returns at 11:18 a.m.

Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to go into executive session. Second by Rep. Patrick Redeagle. 7-1(**Rep. Blackdeer**)-1(**Rep. Walker, Jr.**) **Motion Carried. (Rep. Decorah was out of the room) The meeting goes into executive session at 11:18 a.m.**

Open Session

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to return to open session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried. (Rep. Decorah was out of the room) The meeting returns to open session at 11:28**

a.m. Rep. Decorah returns at 11:35 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Labor Day Pow-Wow Request

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to table the Labor Day Pow-Wow Request until after lunch and recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried. The meeting recesses at 12:24 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland (P)
Vice President Daniel Brown (EX)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (P)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone (1-57)
Rep. Robert Decorah (P)
Rep. James Greendeer (P)
Rep. John Holst (P)
Rep. Hope Smith (P)
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (EX)
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit (EX)
Rep. Patrick Redeagle (P)
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)

DETERMINATION OF

QUORUM: Quorum was established.

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to approve \$96,850.00 for the Labor Day Pow-Wow and that Gerald Cleveland, Jr. and Maynard Rave coordinate the pow-wow together. Second by Rep. John Holst. 5-3(**Reps. Blackdeer, Two Bears, & Greengrass**)-1(**Rep. Decorah**) **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to process the check payable to Barbara Funmaker and Lance Blackdeer for the Labor Day Pow-wow on an expedited basis. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Per the attorney's recommendation this motion wouldn't be ratified therefore, the pow-wow allocation was done by resolution.

Ho-Chunk Nation Ban of Trans Fat

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to table the Ho-Chunk Nation Ban of Trans Fat. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Legislative Annual Report

Any Legislator interested in submitting a report should contact Legislative Counsel, Michael Murphy for the Legislative Annual Report.

Rep. Pettibone arrives at 1:57 p.m.

Children's Trust fund Request for Legal Counsel

The original agreement needs to be reviewed, the Department of Justice does not have an attorney that specializes in trust, therefore the need to acquire counsel to assist the Nation in updating the 1998 Agreement is pertinent in safeguarding the monetary interest of both the Nation and the Nation's children. The concerns include; dis-enrolled tribal members, relinquished tribal members, probate and accounting of services.

MOTION by Rep. Decorah that the Department of Justice obtains Legal Counsel that specializes in children's trust funds to address the financial issue regarding the children's trust fund. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

District Concerns:

District 1: MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to refer the District 1 Meeting minute motion to reimburse residents billed for gas tank pick-up due to the switch from LP to Natural Gas to the Ho-Chunk Housing Community Development Agency. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to refer the District 1 Meeting minute motion to grant Majestic Pines Hotel funding for sheets, curtains, towels and a new key system to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to have the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature sponsor Margarita Hernandez-White for \$10,500 from the Youth Assistance Line item, per the District 1 Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 5-3(**Reps. Blackdeer, Two Bears,**

& Decorah)-2(**Reps. Holst & Smith**) **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to refer the District 1 Meeting minute motion to investigate if the Nation is receiving royalties from Sunypress.edu for marketing Ho-Chunk Language materials to the Office of the President. Second by Doug Greengrass. 9-0-1(**Rep. Decorah**) **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to refer the District 1 Meeting minute motion to have free butter for the popcorn at Majestic Pines because it is free at Ho-Chunk Casino to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 2: MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to refer the District 2 La Crosse Meeting minute motion to have Legislators begin work, with assistance from the Veterans Service Office, to develop M.O.U to make V.A. Home Loans programs available to veterans by Colin Carrimton to the Attorney General. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. John Holst read for the record to have HCN Enrollment and HCN Treasury submit a weekly statement to 5th 3rd Bank regarding all recipients who will be receiving their CTF monies within two weeks.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Tomah Meeting minute motion have Enrollment post in the Hockak Worak the procedure for recipients who will be receiving their CTF payout on a quarterly basis to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Tomah Meeting minute motion to have an audit of the Nation's hotels to find out what the problem is and why month after month our hotels keep losing money, to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. John Holst read for the record to have Legislature call for General Council if President Cleveland does not by Tuesday, August 17 at the Legislative Meeting.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Tomah Meeting minute motion to open propane vendor to a 3 bid process and refer to OOP to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-1(**Rep. Two Bears**)-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Tomah Meeting minute motion to have Treasurer do a final report on what each property/enterprise is doing to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. John Holst read for the record to review #5 – Per Capita Loan Policy Change and have changes and suggestions ready at the next meeting (Sept).

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo Meeting minute motion to take back Legislative appointed positions and to go through the interview process like the Personnel Department does with regular positions and provide the law that authorizes Legislature to appoint such positions to the Legislative Counsel's Office. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 8-0-2(**Reps. Greengrass & Blackdeer**) **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo Meeting minute motion to provide the law that states Representative Dan Brown can represent Milwaukee to the Legislative Counsel's Office. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 8-0-2(**Reps. Two Bears and Blackdeer**) **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo Meeting minute motion to get support

from District 2 and have District 2 Legislators support the reinstatement of Constitutional Reform funding for the year to the Finance committee. Second by James Greendeer. 8-2(**Reps. Blackdeer & Two Bears**)

2(Reps. Redeagle & Smith)

Motion Carried.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo Meeting minute motion to have Legislature review the accountability as well as the hiring and compensation process of the fireworks fundraiser stand to the Legislative Counsel's Office. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-1(**Rep. Greengrass**)-1(**Rep. Blackdeer**) **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to deny and refer the Manners WhiteEagle request for tuition to attend a private school to the Tribal Court to access the Children's Trust Fund. Second by Rep. Patrick Redeagle. 8-1(**Rep. Holst**)-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 3: MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer the District 3 Wittenberg Meeting minute motion to request ATV trails be established on Ho-Chunk Nation lands and properly mark designated trails to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 4: MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Meeting minute motion to ask Henning Garvin to return to Milwaukee area next month to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to have Michael Murphy return to Milwaukee area with an updated draft of Tax Code overview. Second by James Greendeer. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Holst read for the record that Michael Murphy follow-up on my incident report, those Legislators making that an official complaint.

Rep. Blackdeer leaves the room at 3:07 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Meeting minute motion that Legislatures address the Executive Branch investigate where budget of Tara Swallow General Council monies went in previous years and bring back to Milwaukee area in the next 6 months to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 8-1(**Rep. Two Bears**)-0 **Motion Carried. (Rep. Blackdeer was out of the room)**

Rep. Blackdeer returns at 3:13p.m.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Meeting minutes motion that Legislator, John Holst get an investigation of Legislator, Dan Brown. A response of his performance and not attending area meetings, his accountability as Legislator and Vice-President, to come and explain to his constituents to the Department of Justice. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. **Motion Amended, Second concurs**

MOTION by Rep. Jim Greendeer that Legislative Counsel send a letter to V.P. Daniel Brown requesting his status. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-2(**Rep. Blackdeer & Two Bears**) **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Blackdeer leaves the room at 3:14 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Meeting minute motion to elect Pat Schultz to Enrollment to replace Denise Ullrich to Legislative Staff to send a correspondence. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried. (Rep. Blackdeer was out of the room)**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Meeting minute motion that Legislators get someone from Maintenance to come down to take care of lights and other repairs needed for the Milwaukee area to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried. (Rep. Blackdeer was out of room)**

Rep. Blackdeer returns at 3:16 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Meeting minute motion that all Elders, 55 year olds and disabled be allowed \$3000.00 to get furniture to the Finance Committee. Second

by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 8-0-2(**Reps. Two Bears & Blackdeer**) **Motion Carried.**

District 5: MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to refer the District 5 Chicago Meeting minute motion to have the department of labor/Tero have Tero services extended and brought to district V members to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 9-0-1(**Rep. Blackdeer**) **Motion Carried.**

FYI: District 5 Chicago elected Spencer Lonetree to the Chicago alternate positions of the General Council Agency. FYI: District 5 Chicago to dissolve the HCRTF for lack of funding due to no budget being submitted in compliance with the budget and appropriation act.

MOTION by Rep. Patrick Redeagle to refer the District 5/St. Paul Meeting minute motion as stated in Article 8 of the Area V by-laws, motion made for no show board representatives to either attend the area meeting for a report or submit a written report. Requesting a paralegal to contact the absent board members to inquire whether they are still interested in serving on the board to the Legislative Counsel's office. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Conference Approvals

Global Gaming Expo

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to approve any Legislator to attend the Global Gaming Expo (G2E) in Las Vegas, NV, November 15-18, 2010. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 9-0-1(**Rep. Blackdeer**) **Motion Carried.**

18th Annual NNAEAL National Training Conference

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to approve any Legislator to attend the National Training Conference for Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, Emergency Services, Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Professionals in Indian Country, September 14-16, 2010, in Las Vegas, NV. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

National Indian Education Association Annual Convention and Tradeshow

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve any Legislator to attend the National Indian Education Association Annual Convention and Tradeshow, October 7-10, 2010 in San Diego, CA. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone 9-0-1(**Rep. Two Bears**) **Motion Carried.**

Sponsorship for National Indian Education Association

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to sponsor the National Indian Education Association in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund, if sponsorship is still available. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

NAFOA 28th Annual Finance Conference

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve any Legislator and Legislative Counsel to attend the Annual Finance Conference for Indian Country –Wall Street Summit II, September 14-15, 2010 in Jersey City, NJ. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Tribal Law & Order Conference

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve any Legislator to attend the Tribal Law and Order Conference, October 19-20, 2010 in Albuquerque, NM. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Out of State Travel

Discussion on motion made on December 2, 1997 to authorize members of the Legislature to travel to Chicago and St. Paul without legislative approval, it was requested to include Michigan.

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to include the state of Michigan not needing Legislative authorization to travel. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-1(**Rep. Blackdeer**)-0 **Motion Carried.**

It was also graciously requested to start complying with the trip reports per the Legislative Standard Operating Procedures.

Shakopee Mdewakanton

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Andrew Blackhawk Auxiliary Unit #129 Happenings

We are now accepting 2011 Membership dues. \$16 for Seniors and \$3 for Juniors. We voted that dues for elder members 75+ years of age will automatically be paid annually. The following people: Lila Blackdeer, Nina Cleveland, Elizabeth Deere, Norma Greengrass, Mary Payer and Marion White, please contact Jan Kedrowski, Membership Chairperson at 715-570-5447 or Henrietta Funmaker, 2010-2011 President at 715-284-6150

The following people did not claim their raffle prizes at the Labor Day Pow-wow: Ed Lokner, Walt Carlson, Joan Koster and Jim Thunderhawk.

Instead of our usual chili supper, we will be having a Chili Contest and Rifle Raffle on Friday, November 5, 2010 at the HCN Executive Office cafeteria. It will be judged by ballot by the public. We will start serving chow (around) 5 pm sharp! If you are a Legion member, we (the Auxiliary) encourage you to enter your mean stew - if you dare. Along with your raffle ticket you can win many deer hunter related items. \$5 chili supper. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Pinagiti.

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Sioux Community MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer that Legislative Counsel draft a letter to, Brian Newlyn requesting more time in the future for round table discussions with signatures from the Tribal Secretary, Hope Smith and Ho-Chunk Nation President. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 10-0-0 Motion Carried.

Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution United States Fish & Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant Application for the Establishment of a Wildlife Program for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt *Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 08-17-10 B ~ United States Fish & Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant Application for the Establishment of a Wildlife Program for the Ho-Chunk Nation.* Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 10-0-0 Motion Carried.

Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Appropriation for Labor Day Pow-Wow 2010 Resolution

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to adopt *Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 08-17-10C ~ Appropriation for Labor Day Pow-Wow 2010.* Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0 Motion Carried.

Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to go into executive session. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 Motion Carried. *The meeting goes into executive session at 4:10 p.m.*

Rep. Decorah is excused at 5:36 p.m.

Rep. Blackdeer is excused at 6:13 p.m.

Rep. Smith is excused at 6:17 p.m.

Rep. Littlejohn calls in via teleconference at 6:28 p.m.

Open Session

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to return to open session. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 8-0-0 Motion Carried.

The meeting returns to open session at 7:25 p.m.

Ratification of Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to ratify all action taken in executive session. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 8-0-0 Motion Carried.

Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution Approval of Sponsorship for National Indian Education Association Convention.

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adopt *Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 08-17-10D Approval of Sponsorship for National Indian Education Association Convention* with changes. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 7-0-1 (Rep. Pettibone) Motion Carried.

Adjournment

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adjourn the meeting until September 7, 2010 the meeting is to be held at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-0 Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary
Darcy Funmaker
Recording Secretary

SUMMONS (First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Becky L. Doll, Petitioner, v. Anthony J. Tipton, Respondent.

Case : CS 10-34

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Anthony J. Tipton

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS (First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI, Petitioner, v. Melody Greengrass, Respondant.

Case : CS 10-39

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Melody Greengrass

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, Rule 54.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS (Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI. & Elizabeth Griner, Petitioner, v. Sammy Lee Griner Jr., Respondent.

Case : CS 10-38

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Sammy Lee Griner Jr.

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Osseo-Fairchild School District challenges DPI ruling

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

At its September 13 monthly meeting the Osseo-Fairchild School Board voted 4-3 to challenge the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) ruling that the district must discontinue its use of the "Chieftains" mascot and logo. Earlier this year the Wisconsin State Legislature passed Wisconsin Act 250 designed to eliminate race-based nicknames, logos, and mascots in Wisconsin Public School Districts.

Osseo-Fairchild has been using an image of Ho-Chunk ancestor Frank Thunder as its logo since 2004 and on July 27 became the first district in the state ordered to change the image. It now becomes the first district to challenge the ruling. If it cannot prove that

discrimination does not exist, a school district must change its nickname, mascot or logo within 12 months. Failure to do so will result in a fine not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000 per day.

When asked why the School Board is challenging the DPI ruling, Board President Barry Kostka responded "that people want to take it through the process." Currently the Board has no plans to retain an attorney and Kostka is unsure when the matter would make it to Circuit Court. Kostka, who voted against challenging the DPI, added that some local residents are unhappy with the DPI ruling and that he believes that a ruling by the court would be easier for people to accept. "I believe the final ruling will satisfy everyone," he said.



An image of Ho-Chunk ancestor Frank Thunder has been serving as the Osseo-Fairchild's School District logo since 2004.

The freedom to read

Banned Books Week celebrates the importance of the First Amendment

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

Every so often I read something that I find interesting and believe is worth sharing. An article that I read in the September 2010 *AARP Bulletin* fits that description. (I won't lie. The bulletin was addressed to me.)

In an era of political correctness, it's refreshing to me that some people and organizations still value a person's freedom to access information through reading, even when that information might be considered by some to be controversial or unpopular.

Sponsored in part by the American Library Association, since 1982 **Banned Books Week**, held the last week of September, has encouraged readers to read or reread books that have been challenged by censors and other critics.

The goal is "to teach the importance of First Amendment rights and the power of literature, and to draw attention to the dangers that exist when restraints are imposed on the availability of information in a free society."

When I read the list I remembered being assigned some of books in high school and college. Some were written over a century ago. Others have been written within the last decade. Some are considered classics. All dealt with political, social or religious issues that some people find offensive.

How many have you read?

Too Political

Uncle Tom's Cabin-Harriet Beecher Stowe-1852, **All Quiet on the Western Front**-Erich Maria Remarque-1928, **A Farewell to Arms**-Ernest Hemingway-1929, **The Grapes of Wrath**-John Steinbeck-1939, **For Whom the Bell Tolls**-Hemingway-1940, **Animal Farm**-George Orwell-1945, **1984**-Orwell-1949, **Doctor Zhivago**-Boris Pasternak-1957, **Slaughterhouse-Five**-Kurt Vonnegut Jr.-

1969, **In the Spirit of Crazy Horse**-Peter Matthiessen-1963.

Too Much Sex

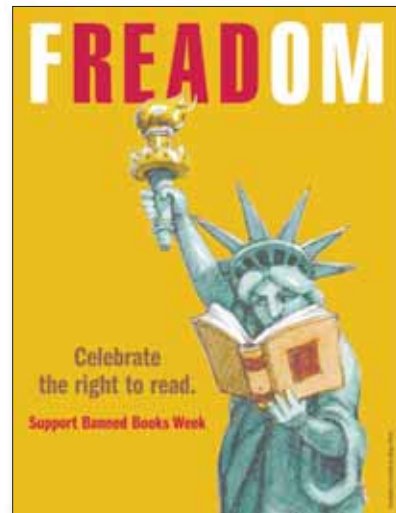
Madame Bovary-Gustave Flaubert-1856, **Tess of the d'Urbervilles**-Thomas Hardy-1891, **Ulysses**-James Joyce-1922, **The Sun Also Rises**-Hemingway-1926, **Lady Chatterley's Lover**-D.H. Lawrence-1928, **Tropic of Cancer**-Henry Miller-1934, **Lolita**-Vladimir Nabokov-1955, **Peyton Place**-Grace Metalious-1956, **Rabbit, Run**-John Updike-1960, **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**-Maya Angelou-1969, **Jaws**-Peter Benchley-1974, **Forever**-Judy Blume-1975, **The Prince of Tides**-Pat Conroy-1986, **Beloved**-Toni Morrison-1987, **How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents**-Julia Alvarez-1991

Irreligious

On the Origin of Species-Charles Darwin-1859, **The Lord of the Rings Trilogy**-J.R.R. Tolkien-1954, **The Last Temptation of Christ**-Nikos Kazantzakis-1960, **Bless Me, Ultima**-Rudolfo Anaya-1972, **Harry Potter Series**-J.K. Rowling-1997-2007.

Socially Offensive

The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin-Benjamin Franklin-1791, **The Scarlett Letter**-Nathaniel Hawthorne-1850, **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**-Mark Twain-1884, **As I Lay Dying**-William Faulkner-1930, **Brave New World**-Aldous Huxley-1932, **Gone With the Wind**-Margaret Mitchell-1936, **Of Mice and Men**-John Steinbeck-1937, **Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl**-Anne Frank-1947, **The Catcher in the Rye**-J.D. Salinger-1951, **Fahrenheit 451**-Ray Bradbury-1953, **To Kill a Mockingbird**-Harper Lee-1960, **James and the Giant Peach**-Roald Dahl-1961, **Catch 22**-Joseph Heller-1961, **A Clock-**



work Orange-Anthony Burgess-1962, **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**-Ken Kesey-1962, **In Cold Blood**-Truman Capote-1966, **Cujo**-Stephen King-1981, **The Color Purple**-Alice Walker-1982, **Ordinary People**-Judith Guest-1982, **A Thousand Acres**-Jane Smiley-1991.

The list includes works by some of the most read and best known authors in America. Although I haven't read every one, I can say that the one's that I have read in some way got me thinking. Isn't that the purpose of education?

Protect youngsters from death or injuries caused by traffic crashes

Submitted by
Don Hagen, WI Bureau of
Transportation Safety

"Motor vehicle injuries are the greatest public health problem facing children today. In fact, they are the leading cause of death among children in the United States," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. During National Child Passenger Safety Week, Sept. 19-25, law enforcement agencies, child safety organiza-

tions and the medical community will remind parents, grandparents and caregivers that consistent and proper use of child safety restraints in vehicles can be a matter of life or death.

To protect children against being ejected from a vehicle or thrown around violently inside it during a crash, Wisconsin law requires the following four-step progression:

1. Rear facing child-safety seat in the back seat (if vehicle is equipped with a back seat) when the child:
 - Is younger than 1-year-old or
 - Weighs less than 20 pounds
2. Forward facing child-safety seat in the back seat (if the vehicle is equipped with a back seat) when the child:
 - Is at least 1-year-old but younger than 4-years-old
3. Booster seat when the child:
 - Is at least 4-years-old but younger than 8-years-old or
 - Weighs at least 40 pounds but less than 80 pounds or
 - Is not 57-inches (4-feet, 9-inches) tall or taller
4. Safety belt when the child:

and

- Weighs at least 20 pounds but less than 40 pounds

3. Booster seat when the child:
 - Is at least 4-years-old but younger than 8-years-old or
 - Weighs at least 40 pounds but less than 80 pounds or
 - Is not 57-inches (4-feet, 9-inches) tall or taller
4. Safety belt when the child:

- Is 8-years-old or older or
- Weighs 80 or more pounds or
- Is 57-inches tall or taller

In Wisconsin, approximately nine out of 10 children under the age of 4 are restrained while riding in a motor vehicle. However, recent studies also show that between 70 to 80 percent of child safety seats are not installed properly and might fail to fully protect children in crashes.

The US Indigenous Games will be held Summer 2011

Submitted by Art Skenandore,
Games Coordinator


Formerly known as the North American Indigenous Games, that take place every three years, Milwaukee will be the launch site for the US Indigenous Games on July 10 – 14, 2011. Games will occur at prominent sports venues in and around the city. Cultural Activities and athlete housing will be located near the city's downtown area.

Thousands of athletes, primarily young people, will be participating in the competitions, making the U.S. Indigenous Games the largest event to host competitions for young Native youth across Indian Country. The Games also include 500 Competition staff, coaches and officials. Sporting events range from; basketball, baseball, volleyball, and golf to boxing, swimming, lacrosse, and tae kwon do.

Events of the Games include Opening Ceremonies to be held on July 10th and Closing Ceremonies on July 14th. Opening ceremonies promise to please participants and spectators with ceremonial protocol and pageantry, Native American dance and music, and a parade of athletes. While Closing Ceremonies include recognition and awards, a special media presentation and live entertainment.


In addition, to the sporting events, a Cultural Village will be held July 11-14. Cultural activities associated with the Games include artwork, entertainment and spiritual activity among the athletes and attendees.

The 2011 US Indigenous Games will be hosted by the 11 tribes located throughout Wisconsin. Their leadership and support are instrumental to the success of the Games. These sovereign tribes know the importance and value of supporting a healthy life style and choices for Native youth. "Our young people are not only the leaders of the future, they are leaders of today", said Harold (Gus) Frank, Forest County Potawatomi Chairman and President of the Indigenous Games, USA Inc.



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Tryout Information – 2011 US Indigenous Games

| Sport | September Dates | Time | Location |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Boys Baseball | Sunday, Sept 26 th , 2010 | 10am – 1pm | Menominee High School |

| Sport | October Dates | Time | Location |
|-----------------------|---|------------|----------------------------|
| • Golf (boys & girls) | Sunday, October 3 rd , 2010 | 11am – 3pm | Thornberry Creek at Oneida |
| Boys Basketball | Sunday, October 10 th , 2010 | 11am – 3pm | Menominee |
| Boys Basketball | Sunday, October 17 th , 2010 | 11am – 3pm | House of Wellness |
| Boys Basketball | Sunday, October 24 th , 2010 | 11am – 3pm | Oneida |

• There will be fees per golfer, they each need to pay their own fees. No carts, walking. 18 holes.

| Sport | November Dates | Time | Location |
|------------------|--|------------|-----------|
| Girls Volleyball | Sunday, November 14 th , 2010 | 11am – 3pm | TBD |
| Girls Volleyball | Sunday, November 21 st , 2010 | 11am – 3pm | Menominee |
| Swimming | Sunday, November 21 st , 2010 | 11am – 3pm | Oneida |

| Sport | December Dates | Time | Location |
|------------------|--|------|----------|
| Girls Basketball | Sunday, December 5 th , 2010 | TBD | TBD |
| Girls Basketball | Sunday, December 12 th , 2010 | TBD | TBD |
| Girls Basketball | Sunday, December 19 th , 2010 | TBD | TBD |

| Sport | March Dates | Time | Location |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------|----------|
| Track & Field (boys & girls) | Sunday, March 6 th , 2011 | TBD | TBD |

Contact Information:

Lanette Walker 715.253.3369 or email at lanette.walker@ho-chunk.com

Scott Murray 920.490.3803 or email at smurray@oneidanation.org

Tryouts to be scheduled: Archery, Billiards, Boxing, Canoeing, Dodgeball, Lacrosse, Martial Arts, Shotgun Shooting, Soccer, Table Tennis, Wrestling.



GOLF TRY-OUT BOYS & GIRLS US Indigenous Games 2011



Date: October 3rd, 2010 Location: Thornberry Creek at Oneida
Time: 11am–3pm
Ages: 13–19

4470 N. Pinetree Rd. Oneida WI 920.434.7501

www.thornberrycreekcc.net

Fee: \$18.00 per golfer. Each golfer responsible to pay own fees. Walking 18 holes.

Age Groups: Bantam.....13-14 Midget.....15-16 Juvenile.....17-18-19
 Your age on December 31st, 2011, determines the age category you will compete in for the 2011 Games.

GOLF TRY-OUT BOYS & GIRLS



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2010

Drop off this registration form at the Oneida Fitness Center for Lori Hill or Scott Murray by September 29th, 2010.
 OR email to lhill4@oneidanation.org OR Fax to 920.490.3814.

We, as parents, agree to and understand that attending the activities provided on this day is a privilege. By signing this registration form, we support no tolerance for violence, drugs, alcohol and disrespect of staff as well as peers.

Participant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____ Parent Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name & Contact Phone during clinic: _____

Hold Harmless Agreement: I and my heirs hereby release the Oneida Nation and all its employees, officers, departments, Enterprises and agents from any liability for damages to or loss of personal property, sickness, and injury from whatever source, legal entanglement, imprisonment, death, loss of money, etc. for which the Oneida Tribe is not culpable, which might occur while participating in the above mentioned activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

For more information contact Scott Murray at 920.490.3806 or via email at smurray@oneidanation.org

Miner to perform in Minneapolis theater



Kristopher "Kohl" Miner

Kristopher "Kohl" Miner (Ho-Chunk) is currently performing onstage at the renowned Guthrie Theater (Minneapolis Minnesota) in the cast of the world premiere of "THE MASTER BUTCHERS SINGING CLUB." Adapted for the stage by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Marsha Norman from the best selling novel by Louis Erdrich, and directed by the noted opera director Francesca Zambello, the play chronicles the journey of Fidelis Waldvogel a German sniper who leaves home at the end of World War I with a suitcase full of sausages and immigrates to the plains of North Dakota. Against the backdrop of the Massacre of Wounded Knee he eventually marries vaudeville performer Delphine, uniting the immigrant and American Indian worlds. Congratulations Kristopher "Kohl" Miner! Performance run through Saturday, November 6. Tickets and Showtimes at: www.guthrietheater.org



Scene from the The Master Butchers Singing Club.

Making a difference in people's lives

Tribal employee Debora Olson serving as Jackson County Coroner

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

Debora Olson, an employee of the Ho-Chunk Nation since 1995, was recently appointed Jackson County Coroner by Gov. James Doyle. A Chief Deputy Coroner with Jackson County for the past six years, Debora has been serving as Acting County Coroner since last February, filling out the term of Michael Quinn whose tenure was scheduled to end on January 2, 2011.

In making the appointment, Doyle acknowledged Debora's past contributions to Jackson County. "Debora Olson is an experienced public servant. She will provide exceptional service to the people of Jackson County, especially when families are dealing with a loss."

Currently employed as an Information Specialist at the Executive Building, Debora recently announced she will be seeking election to the part-time coroners' position in November. A non-tribal member, Debora has helped many Ho-Chunk families in the Black River Falls area.

A certified CPR instructor and EMT, Debora believes that in the course of dealing with and investigating death, she can make a difference in people's lives. "One death affects many lives," she said, adding that often a coroner needs to be a counselor willing to provide a shoulder for friends and family of the deceased to lean on. Meeting families during their time of

need, Debora continued that while her office helps those suffering from a loss, it's major function is to determine the cause of death and when needed, silence any rumors spreading in the community. "It's my responsibility to make sure the deceased persons rights are in place." Those rights include knowing the cause of death. When a death is ruled to be accidental, she believes a lesson can be learned. "The community can be taught how accidental deaths can be avoided," she explained.

On call "24/7"-365 days a year, Debora stated the Jackson County Coroners' office responds to approximately 200 calls annually. While most people likely associate a coroner with an accidental death, Debora explained that most deaths need to be examined, in part to determine the exact cause of death and to rule out any foul play.

Working with other agencies, the coroner has the final say on the cause of death.

"Sometimes the cause of death isn't what it appears to be," Debora said. She continued that in cases where "something just doesn't feel right," the coroner has the authority to request an autopsy.

She continued that in cases where an insurance company may dispute a cause of death ruled accidental, the coroner is regularly required to testify in court on the cause of death.

She has worked with the Nation's Traditional Court in

an effort to learn some of the ways the Nation's members traditional religions deal with death. She promises that anyone's religious beliefs will be honored if those beliefs don't interfere with the investigation.

Often dealing with family and friends of the deceased at the worst of times, Debora was recently given recognition by Jackson County for her actions on August 12, 2010, when she counseled a mother who just learned her son had died. Signed by Jackson County Sheriff Duane Waldera and Chief Deputy Mark Moan, the Letter of Recognition reads:

THIS AWARD IS TO COMMEND DEPUTY CORONER DEBORA OLSON

FOR HER ACTIONS ON AUGUST 2, 2010.

MS. OLSON'S ACTIONS WENT WELL ABOVE AND BEYOND THE SCOPE OF HER DUTIES

AS DEPUTY CORONER. WITH NO GRIEF COUNSELOR AVAILABLE, MS OLSON STAYED WITH AND CONSOLATED A GRIEVING MOTHER.

ENSURING HER PERSONAL SAFETY AND PROVIDING COMFORT.

THE JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECOGNIZES MS. OLSON FOR HER KINDNESS AND DEDICATION THIS 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2010.

Although she has witnessed the impact that death has on a



Jackson County Coroner Debora Olson.

family, particularly the death of a child, Debora stressed the needs to keep a clear head when investigating the cause of death. Every case is unique, she said. "As hard as it is, I have to forget the faces of previous investigations."

Although the coroner position is classified as a part-time position, Debora said that with all the paperwork involved, during some weeks it is nearly a full-time job. Along with having the support of a "really good crew" including Chief Deputy Coroner Peggy Holmgreen and Deputy Coroner Karla Wood, Debora acknowledged her Ho-Chunk Nation supervisor

Maynard Rave for allowing her to take unpaid leave when needed. She gives special thanks and acknowledgement to her husband, Glen, for his support.

Serving as a Deputy Coroner and EMT has resulted in Debora working unusual hours and sometimes being forced to suddenly leave social gatherings. Debora noted that throughout their 26 years of marriage, Glen has always been helpful and understanding of the demands placed on her time. "I couldn't do it without his support."

First human case of West Nile Virus reported in Wisconsin

Officials encourage protection against mosquito bites

Submitted by
State of Wisconsin
Department of Health
Services

State and local health officials are reminding residents to protect themselves against mosquito bites as they report the state's first confirmed human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in 2010.

The case was diagnosed in a Washington County resident during routine screening of blood donations. Because screening of blood donated by this patient yielded a positive result for the genetic material of West Nile virus, the Blood Center of Wisconsin destroyed all of the blood and blood products from this donation to prevent the donated blood from entering the blood supply. The patient later reported ill with mild West Nile-like virus symptoms.

The chances of a person contracting WNV are very low and most people infected with West Nile virus will not have any symptoms. Those who do become ill may develop a fever, headache, and rash that lasts a few days. Symptoms may begin between 3 to 15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

In rare cases, WNV can cause severe disease with symptoms such as muscle weakness, stiff neck, disorientation, tremors, convulsions, paralysis and coma. Older adults and people with compromised immune systems are at an increased risk of severe disease from the virus.

Blood banks have been screening blood donations for West Nile virus since 2003 to keep the blood supply safe. Blood banks also will not accept donations from people who have recently had a fever or headache. Once a blood donation is identified as positive for West Nile virus, the blood products are destroyed and the donor is notified and monitored by healthcare workers to determine if the donor becomes ill.

WNV is spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito and is not transmitted person to person. A person cannot contract West Nile virus infection by donating blood. There is no specific treatment for West Nile virus other than to treat symptoms. If you think you have West Nile virus infection, contact your healthcare provider.

Although few mosquitoes

actually carry the virus, tips to minimize your exposure include:

- Avoid being outside during times of high mosquito activity, specifically dawn and dusk
- Use effective mosquito repellent and apply according to the label instructions
- Keep window screens repaired so mosquitoes cannot enter your home
- Dispose of discarded tires, cans or other containers left outside that may contain standing water
- Turn over wading pools, hot tub covers, wheel barrows, boats and canoes when not in use
- Keep drains, ditches and culverts clean of trash and weeds so water will drain properly
- Clean gutters and downspouts to ensure they drain properly
- Change the water in bird baths, pet dishes and wading pools every 3-4 days
- Trim tall grass, weeds and vines since mosquitoes use these places to rest during hot daylight hours
- Landscape to prevent water from pooling in low-lying areas



In 2009, one Wisconsin resident developed WNV infection. So far this year, West Nile virus has been found in one Washington County resident, three pools of mosquitoes collected in August in Milwaukee County, and three dead birds collected from August to September in Waukesha and Winnebago counties.

Both the Washington County Health Department and the Department of Health Services will continue surveillance for West Nile virus until the end of the mosquito season, usually in October.

To help with the surveillance effort, Wisconsin residents should report sick or dead crows and blue jays to the Dead Bird Hotline at 1-800-433-1610.

For more information regarding West Nile virus in Wisconsin, please visit: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/westNile-virus/>

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For additional information email
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Celebrate completion of facilities and projects
at the College of Menominee Nation*

- Installation: CMN's second geothermal HAVC
- Expansion and renovation: Glen Miller Hall
- Completion: Academic Library "Phase II"

And preview plans for CMN's newly-funded \$3.3 million
Community Computing Technology Center opening in 2011

1 to 3:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 1, 2010

Open House – Keshena Campus

**Music and refreshments on the Library plaza
Guided or self-led tours**

The public is also invited to attend the following programs planned for Oct. 1 on the campus:

2 to 3:30 p.m.

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Campus Commons


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Thank you on behalf of
Jordan Gregory Blackcoon-Hilling

We would like to take this time to express our sincere gratitude to all who assisted us in our time of loss.

There are just so many individuals to mention by name, but the good Lord knows who you are, whether it was with donations, food, cards, medicine, a hug, a smile, your inspiring talks and especially for the prayers, which got us through this time.

Our prayers are that Mauna will shower you with his blessings for your unselfish sacrifices.

Most of all, our thanks to our God above for a beautiful prayer service on Wa Ka Ja Huu's journey home. All praise and glory to God above.

The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord. Job 1 vs 21.

May God bless you all
 Marilyn and Kunu Jared

Thanks

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph White Eagle for their prayers and guidance. Pinagigi Choka Morgan White Eagle for opening your home to us and your teepee grounds, on behalf of

Davin Michael Decorah's
Golden Birthday and Name Giving meeting.

To Truman Williams Jr., Clifford Akeen, Lance Long, Darvin DeCamp, and Nani Karen Lincoln Michel for all of your help with the morning food, helpers and cooks. Mom Ruth, Sister Nikki, Tega Marcus, Melissa, Derek, Great Grandparents Ken and Carol, and all the family members who sat with us for Davin (Hisge hira na'i huk) on his great celebration.

Sister Owenita for her breakfast prayer, Gaga June for her noon day meal prayer, Choka Morgan for his thoughts and guidance, Gaga Helen, Lance for your birthday song, Ahu for your "opening of the cards and reading of the presents." And Kathy for all of your help, including cutting of the cake.

Without any of you this wouldn't have been possible. We love all of you who helped without being told to do so; you just did it and did so with a smile and love. I cannot thank you enough for all your prayers and kind thoughts for myself (Chip Decorah), Melissa and our son Davin.

Pinagigi.

Donna Marie Hanson
 73, of Tomah died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, at Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minn. She was born Oct. 28, 1936, in La Crosse to Jess and Jessie (Hanson) Whitewater. She married Elmer L. Hanson Sr. on March 10, 1956, in Onalaska.

Donna is survived by her husband, Elmer; eight children, Sheryl (John) Cook of Melrose, Timothy (Jenel) Hanson of Baraboo, Wis., Debra Bundy of Isanti, Minn., David (Patti) Hanson of Sparta, Betty (Mark) Krause of Taylor, Wis., Lori (Dan) Parker of Wilton, Elmer (Michelle) Hanson Jr. of Sparta and Jessie (Bobby) Hanson of Paragould, Ark., 18 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Jim (Marion) Whitewater, Jesse (Gloria) Whitewater, Gene "Butch" (Kathy) Whitewater and Don (Judy) Whitewater; one sister, Evelyn (Don) Shepard; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Daniel L. Hanson; a daughter, Mary Jane Hanson; a grandson, Steven Parker; two sisters, Eva Revels and Bernita Pettigrove.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you because I am looking for my real father, as I am a foster child.

Therefore, I was hoping that you could help me out by placing an article in the Hockak Worak. Maybe someone will respond. I don't know too much. But, I can tell you what social services told me. They stated: My mother is full blooded Swedish and my dad is full blooded native of the Ho-Chunk Nation. It was also stated that my dad still worked at the casino in Baraboo, WI. The last thing identifiable about my dad is, he stated that one of his sports activities is playing tennis.

As for myself, I am 33 years old, and I was born on March 25, 1977. I was born in Sun Prairie, WI, and was adopted by my current foster parents, Joseph and Joan Mark. I grew up in Van Dyne, WI, and eventually moved to Fond du Lac, WI. And I am an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Sincerely,
Jon Mark
 63 Western Ave., Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Happy 1st Birthday
Amayzin (Mayzee)
Maxine Hopinka!
September 27

From Dad Dean, Mom Tara, Auntie Erin, & Cousin Hadlee



Little Did We Know

Little did we know that morning that God would call your name. In life we loved you dearly in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Marti WhiteEagle
 March 9, 1957 ~ Sept 17, 2003



Thank you to all who helped our family with this tragic loss of our loved one ~
Carleen Rose Smith

Words can't express enough how thankful we are for all the help we had during our time of need. I would like to name a few, and apologize if we forget anyone as we don't know everyone's name. Marlon White Eagle who officiated the services, his son and daughter, Tashena Cloud who donated her shawl and moccasins. NAC, All of the Ho-Chunk Nation Milwaukee Branch Office, Ho-Chunk Casino, Lac Courte Oreilles for providing the rooms also. The ones setting up the tent, the lodge. Other's who helped set up the tables, chairs, picked up garbage, keeping the fire going. The various singers that sang their beautiful songs. All of the cooks, you all worked so hard. We have not enough room to mention all of the mourners.

Thank you to all for the prayers and words of comfort. Cloud Family, Mendez Family, Frogg Family, White Eagle Family, Frank Family, Jolene Blackdeer. Everyone who traveled to be with us during this time. We would like to give a heart-felt thank you. We are blessed for the help and support that was given to us. Thank You!

Sincerely,
 Carleen R. Smith families.


Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to ask for your help to find a connection to my Winnebago/Ho-Chunk heritage. My name is Katherine Margaret Kops (Doud). I was born in Brown County, Green Bay, Wisconsin at St. Mary's Hospital on 3/15/66, and placed into foster care until 5/10/66 when I was adopted by my parents.

I know very little about my birth mother. What I do know is through a State of Wisconsin Department of Child and Family Services Adoption Search Specialist. My birth mother was born in 1945 in Wisconsin and she is believed to be full-blooded Winnebago, as was her mother. Nineteen days after my birth mother was born she was placed into the State Department of Public Welfare. She was then placed in foster care and eventually took the last name of the family that never legally adopted her, but who fostered her the longest. She attended Sparta Indian School (f/k/a Winnebago Indian School) and the Wisconsin School of Cosmetology in Sparta from November 1963 to October 1964. She dated a man of German Belgian decent for 18 to 19 months at which point she became pregnant with me. He was 21 years old at that time. My birth mother was 20 years old, 5' 110 lbs with brown eyes, had a fairly light complexion and medium brown hair. She was also an in demand hairdresser.

I would like to know any information anyone may have about my birth mother and her mother. I am willing to keep anyone who may contact me anonymous if they so choose. I am unable to prove my lineage without your assistance. I also have two daughters who are interested in knowing their heritage. Thank you for your help.

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Ho-Chunk Tribal Police Force established Dan Libke named Chief of Police

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Prior to his officially taking office on September 23, Dan Libke, the Nation's first appointed Chief of Police was spending time preparing for the challenges and opportunities the new position will bring.

Most recently the Compliance Officer in the Office of the President, the 39-year-old Libke, a member of the Bear Clan, brings to the position a range of law enforcement experience obtained in both civilian and military life.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse who has also served in the National Guard and Army Reserve, Libke stated that he looks forward to helping the Nation expand its sovereignty through the creation of a Tribal Police Force, part of the Nation's Department of Justice. "When established we will have the power to enforce our laws in our communities," he said.

Reporting to the Nation's Attorney General, his immediate duties include finding and securing the grant funding that will allow the agency to move forward, setting policy for agency, establishing relationships with tribal and non-tribal law enforcement agencies in the state and fulfilling the hands-on training needed to become a certified officer in the State of Wisconsin.

Although he is confident that all the obligations will be met in time, Libke stressed that for the most part the work will be done behind the scenes and that tribal members likely will not be aware of the progress being made. "Realistically, for the next 12-18 months there will be no patrols," he said.

Stressing that his office and eventual staff members "will not try to reinvent the wheel," Libke stated that much of the policy established will be similar to that of other law enforcement agencies.

Because the Nation does not occupy a reservation, the new Chief of Police faces challenges associated with a spread out base occupying land in various counties throughout the state. The Nation currently has law enforcement agreements with county agencies throughout the state and Libke expects those agreements to continue when the Nation has its own law enforcement personnel patrolling tribal communities.

Along with the taking on the duties described earlier, Libke plans on visiting each Ho-Chunk community throughout the state, talking to the residents in an effort to learn about the unique law enforcement challenges and issues that each community faces. He also will be working with the Ho-Chunk Law Enforcement Committee, comprised of members from the various communities. "Each community is different and each may have different priorities," he said.



Chief of Police Dan Libke

Asked why he applied for the position, Chief of Police Libke stated that throughout his career he has always worked in positions that fo-

cused on helping people and keeping them safe. "It's a calling," he said.

College coaches call for Koenig

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LaCrosse Tribune

Bronson Koenig hasn't set foot in the gym as a sophomore for the Aquinas High School boys basketball team, but that hasn't stopped NCAA Division I coaches from calling.

The University of Wisconsin offered Koenig a scholarship in June, and now North Carolina, Kansas, Virginia and Butler are all knocking at the door.

Virginia coach Tony Bennett was at Aquinas on Friday watching Koenig during an open gym.

Kansas, North Carolina, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Butler are scheduled to visit the 6-foot-2 point guard during

the next three weeks — a time period when coaches are allowed to watch high school players but not interact with them.

Koenig's reaction to all this was pretty even keeled.

"I think he gets excited, but he's pretty level with his emotions," Aquinas coach Rick Schneider said. "He doesn't get too up or down."

"He gets excited, but he doesn't go crazy about it, either. I think he understands this is part of the process. You have to remain kind of level, and he's going to go through a lot more of this. If he gets too excited every time someone calls, he's going to wear

himself out, but he appreciates them showing interest. He understands that's a compliment."

Along with the Badgers, Koenig has been offered scholarships by UW-Green Bay, Marquette, Toledo and Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

Koenig was first team all-MVC last season after averaging 14.7 points, 3.1 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game, but it wasn't until he showed off his talents after the season that the attention really started to mount.

"He was on the AAU circuit this spring and summer just tearing it up," Schneider said. "These colleges started talking and amongst that circle of coaches, that stuff moves from program to program."

After a season like he had with Aquinas as a freshman against more experienced players, a simple talk from Schneider perhaps gave Koenig added confidence as he headed out to play AAU.

"We talked after the season was over about his going back to AAU and playing kids his age," Schneider said. "I told him he just got done playing against juniors and seniors and was just fine, and now he was going to go against kids his age. I told him he should be tearing it up."

Apparently, he did. All this attention isn't something completely new for Schneider or Aquinas.

Scott Christopherson had already announced that he would accept a scholarship from Marquette before he transferred from Melrose-Mindoro to



Ho-Chunk Tribal Member, Bronson Koenig, son of Ethel Funmaker.

Aquinas before his junior year in 2005. He played one season at Marquette and is now a redshirt junior at Iowa State.

But the fact that Koenig is so young and already getting this attention from the big dogs of Division I college basketball, that's new for everyone.

"We've gone through the hype of the season with other guys where the gym is packed with people that don't normally come," Schneider said. "We've gone through all that, and it's crazy, but we have not necessarily gone through this with anyone."

"This is a whole new level with what Bronson is going through. To have (five) D-I offers before he steps in the gym as a sophomore, that's amazing."



Koenig guards his opponent.

